

RESPONSE

The Examiner has objected to the Amendment filed by Applicant on April 21, 2003, under 35 U.S.C. §132 as introducing new matter into the disclosure. The Examiner requires that the new matter be cancelled. Applicant has amended the specification to insert into the specification the matter deleted by the amendment of April 21, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection under 35 U.S.C. §132. Applicant further requests that the status of “divisional application” be restored to this application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 7, 16, 18, 23, 24, 26-33, 36, 43, 44 and 50-55 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the proviso which appeared in the specification as originally filed at page 6, line 5.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

The Examiner has objected to claim number 34 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendment to the specification and claims provided herein obviate the Examiner’s objection. Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claim 34.

Applicant submits that for the foregoing reasons together with the amendments to the specification and claims, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph and 35 U.S.C. §132 have been overcome and the case is now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections. If the Examiner deems the application *not* in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner contact the Applicant as soon as it is convenient.

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The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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